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COLORED BACKGROUND

19 apprehended at rural rumble

What began as an argument over a 15-year-old girl between two teenage boys apparently escalated into a possible "gang fight" over the weekend before officials from the Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. arrived at the scene of the planned fight and apprehended 17 juveniles, two 18-year-olds and numerous weapons.

According to a spokesman for the Sheriff's Dept., a caller notified the department on Saturday morning, Feb. 13, that two large groups of boys were planning a fight behind the old Goodman School at approximately 3 p.m. that day.

The fight apparently started over a 15-year-old girl and grew into what authorities called a "gang fight" when both boys involved talked friends into helping solve the problem.

Sheriff's deputies arrived at the scene hours before the planned fight and stationed an unmarked car behind the school, two marked cars near a road leading to the school and a second unmarked car near another road near the school.

Deputies noticed three white males entering the school yard on foot early in the afternoon, and when the males recognized the deputies they reportedly broke and ran from the scene. The youths were easily caught and upon search it was discovered that one of the three had a martial arts weapon in his possession.

Later in the day deputies saw a group of vehicles gathering at a church near the Goodman Community, and after blocking the vehicles' escape, searched the occupants of the vehicles and then the vehicles.

The search of the vehicles and the occupants of other vehicles later arriving at the scene turned up weapons that included a .25 automatic pistol, a .22 revolver, homemade and professionally made nightsticks, numerous martial arts weapons, hunting knives and pocket knives, pipe, brass knuckles, a butcher steel and other homemade weapons.

Authorities reported they apprehended 17 juveniles, which were later released to their parents awaiting juvenile action, and arrested two males, both age 18.

Those arrested were identified as Robert Lee Stewart, age 18, of New Brockton, charged with possession of a firearm without first obtaining a permit, and Russell D. Mayo, age 18, of Rt. 1, Enterprise, who was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

Funding may hold key for countywide EMA

The need for a countywide emergency management agency was discussed last week during a meeting of area officials at the Coffee County Farm Center at New Brockton, and while all in attendance agreed on the need for such an agency, the method of funding the agency drew varied responses from those present.

Danny Cooper, director of the state Emergency Management Agency, told officials at the Thursday, Feb. 11, meeting that a minimum salary for a county director would be \$18,000, with \$2,500 for travel expenses, and from that amount the state would allocate \$6,100 to the county based on its population, with the county being expected to fund the remainder of the expense.

Elba's Mayor Bob English stated he felt the county should pick up half of the remaining salary and then let the cities pay the remainder of the salary based on a population basis.

"If the county is going to have a county agency, it should work for the entire county," said Mayor English, "and the only way such a working plan will be realized is to let both the county and the cities share in the funding for the position."

Enterprise councilman Dr. John Lester remarked that since the program would be countywide the county should pay all remaining expenses, and told those present that if the county funded the program it would make a long term commitment toward the agency and such a commitment would insure the agency's success.

The City of Enterprise currently has an emergency management director that reportedly carries the title of county director, but at the meeting more than one official reported that as long as the agency stays the way it is now the rest of the county will receive little aid unless a disaster occurs.

"Emergency management is something you don't need unless you have a tornado, flood or some type disaster," said state director Cooper, "but you can't wait until something happens and then run out and hire one!"

VANDALS HIT REALTORS... Elba policeman Randy White and local real estate broker Marvin Robins look at real estate signs discovered last week under a bridge on Highway 203. The signs were from three county realtors and all were slightly damaged before being dumped under the bridge.

Severe Weather Week Feb. 22-26

Gov. Guy Hunt, in cooperation with the National Weather Service and the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, has proclaimed Feb. 22 - 26 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Alabama.

Alabama experienced a relatively light year for tornadoes in 1987 with only 7 tornadoes and 1 death - far below the average of 21 tornadoes and 8 deaths per year. However, the state has experienced some of the most deadly and devastating tornadoes in the nation and still ranks 5th among all states in average number of tornado deaths. Also, lightning and flash floods continued as significant severe weather killers during 1987.

Severe Weather Awareness Week will allow Alabamians to focus on and to increase their knowledge of how to protect themselves from severe weather events such as tornadoes, thunderstorms, flash floods and lightning. All schools, hospitals, businesses, shopping complexes and other large organizations should have a plan of action and know how to react quickly.

Individual citizens are encouraged to take a moment to review their own personal plan of action while at home, work, or play. Also now is a good time to organize spotter networks and to refresh present spotter training.

A statewide tornado drill is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24. In the event of bad weather on that day, the drill will be rescheduled for the 25th or 26th, or as conditions permit. On the day of the drill, a "tornado watch" will first be issued, followed later by a "tornado warning." Both will be clearly labeled as "test" only.

Special releases will be transmitted on the Alabama NOAA Weather Wire during Awareness Week. The Alabama Emergency Management Agency, in cooperation with the National Weather Service, will hold press conferences during Awareness Week in Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville and Mobile.

For more information locally call Montgomery, south central/southeast Alabama - 832-7340.

Unemployment rate dips in county

The Alabama Department of Industrial Relations has released its monthly unemployment report for all counties in the state, and the latest figures revealed that Coffee County's unemployment rate for the month of December had dropped to 5.7 percent, a drop of 2 percent from the previous month and a drastic drop of nearly four points from a year ago.

The estimates, which were prepared by the state department, and with assistance from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, showed that in Coffee County in December, 1987, only 990 of a work force of 17,380 persons were without work. A year ago the county had an unemployment rate of 9.5 percent and the latest figures showed the continual improving work picture in the local area.

Following are comparisons of other counties and their unemployment figures:

	December 1987	Preliminary Unemployment Data	
Bullock	13.2	13.9	Dec. 1986
Butler	8.7	8.8	11.0
Coffee	5.7	5.9	9.5
Conecuh	12.0	12.6	19.5
Covington	9.2	7.4	10.3
Crenshaw	9.5	8.6	9.5
Dale	6.8	7.5	8.7
Geneva	5.2	5.8	7.5
Henry	6.1	6.3	7.9
Houston	5.0	4.7	7.7
Jefferson	5.6	5.8	8.0
Mobile	9.2	9.1	10.7
Montgomery	6.0	6.3	7.4
Pike	6.4	6.0	9.1

Mrs. Gore to visit Coffee

County Feb. 20

Mrs. Tipper Gore, the wife of Democratic presidential candidate Albert Gore, will be visiting Coffee County this weekend when she will be guest of honor at a reception on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 11 a.m. at The Lobby Restaurant in Enterprise.

Everyone is invited to come out and meet Mrs. Gore.

Leukemia Movealong set for March 26

Mr. Eddie Vaughan has been named 1988 Leukemia Movealong chairman in Elba.

The weekend event is set for March 26 when bicyclists, runners, joggers and walkers will participate in the community event to benefit the Alabama chapter of the Leukemia Society of America.

Proceeds will be used toward finding the cure for leukemia - the number one killer disease of children.

Vaughan says details will be provided at a later date.

Cutbacks announced at Elba Post Office

Elba Postmaster W.J. "Bill" Bullard announced this week that in order to meet recent federal regulations the Elba Post Office will make several changes that will affect customer service.

The changes, scheduled to go into effect on Feb. 20, 1988, include making window service available from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturdays, and from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. during weekdays.

No window service will be offered to customers prior to 8:30 a.m. either in person or by telephone, and there will no longer be opening of post office boxes for customers.

The final change is that anyone wishing locations of postal patrons within the Elba delivery area will be charged \$1 per inquiry.

"The Postal Service must comply with the Budget Law passed in 1987," stated Postmaster Bullard, "and in the law the service was ordered to pay the Congress \$1.245 billion prior to Oct. 1, 1989."

"Because of the cutbacks mandated it is necessary for the Elba

Motor Carrier Safety Unit in state releases figures for 1987

The Alabama Dept. of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Safety Unit inspected 7,698 commercial drivers and vehicles during its first year of operations, according to Col. Thomas Wells, Public Safety Director. The inspection program is designed to reduce the number and severity of accidents involving commercial vehicles.

In addition to inspecting vehicles and drivers for safety, MCSAP officers take part in workshops, seminars and other educational programs regarding requirements of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Act of 1986.

Operational since April, 1987, MCSAP is made up of 37 specially trained state troopers assigned to nine teams throughout Alabama. Vehicle and driver violations, including out-of-service violations, issued through December, 1987, are detailed below:

Driver violations - 5,192
Driver out-of-service violations - 656

*Driver violations include - Operator's License, Medical Certificate, Hours-of-Service and Record-of-Duty status, and "other" categories;

*Equipment violations - 14,509
Equipment out-of-service violations - 4,044

*Equipment violations include - brake, light, and "other" categories.

Hazardous materials violations - 221

*Hazardous materials out-of-service violations - 37

*Hazardous materials violations include - shipping papers; improperly marked, labeled or described shipment; no re-test and inspection (cargo tank); improper placarding; improper blocking; no remote shut-off control, and "other" categories.



SANDERS MAKES IT OFFICIAL... Elba football standout Troy Sanders made it official last week that he would become a member of the Florida State Seminoles when he signed a national letter of intent on Wednesday, Feb. 10. Sanders was heavily recruited by Florida State as well as SEC schools Auburn and Mississippi State, but chose the Seminoles and last week made it official. Pictured (seated, L-R): his mother, Charlene Sanders, Troy; his father, Larry Sanders, and standing, Elba football coach Mack Wood.

BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox

Thursday we were in Montgomery hearing Gov. Guy Hunt promote his plan to divert money from the educational trust fund. There were about 25 of us sitting there and as he began I realized it sounded like my comments from this column last week. Gosh, I am sorry and promise it just happened and wasn't planned. However, pretty soon he got away from my comments and continued with explaining his plan. Later while breaking bread with the governor and his wife at the mansion, we got a chance to ask some questions. We didn't get them all answered but did get names of folks who could give us the answer. We kinda harped on this plan for highway improvement and our personal interest in Highway 84 coming through Elba. We got no commitment, but on the positive side, we didn't get a NO.

Alabama voters are not happy with the fact that they must decide if they are going to vote in the Democratic or Republican primary on Super Tuesday, March 8. Alabama law says that if you vote with one party, you are bound to vote in that party's primary for one year. Now this doesn't include a general election like November one, but does include the May voting when we traditionally select our local officials. Before we complain however remember this is just party politics - not "real elections." Crossing over to vote in another party's primary is just as upsetting to party regulars as if someone down the street at another church came into our church, voted on which direction the church should take and then went back to their church. We sure wouldn't like that at all, and the party loyalists feel the same way about the primaries. This means this country's party boy will probably bite the bullet and vote Democratic in March... "cause I want a voice in selecting the local officials and they will probably all be Democrats.

We support the idea of a law setting out minimum standards for people serving as sheriff in Alabama. At present the only requirement is to get the most votes on election day. But we need to watch out and not pass a law that mostly protects incumbents. We see a lot of licensing boards in every state that would allow a newly elected sheriff a limited time to get the minimum education. This also means we have reservations about the suggested requirement that a person have several years law enforcement experience before running for sheriff. We have known some good sheriffs who came from other walks of life. Pass some laws yes - but be careful.

Michael Patrick has resigned from the Elba Police Dept. Several weeks ago the man was suspended for some of his actions, according to Chief John White. That was right after we had published a letter commending him for doing a good job. After the suspension the man was back on routine patrol and we settled back to making our living in spite of hearing some folks who didn't like his work. White said this week that Patrick had resigned and would receive a favorable recommendation if he applied for police work with any other department.

A federal judge in San Francisco struck down drug testing for railroad workers. This is at a time when federal judges in other districts (and higher up) have supported drug testing for certain groups. This shows a problem - or potential problem. As long as no higher court rules in this actual case, it is the law in that district and will also be closely followed in other districts where no ruling has been made. Therefore if you can find one judge to give a favorable ruling, then you can possibly change the whole course of history.

Football is a long way off here in February, but planning is underway. In fact the Miami-Florida State game on Sept. 3 is the one that was planned for Oct. 29. All this was done for the TV folks - or should we say for the money the TV folks help generate. By the way, it is a night game and will be played in the Orange Bowl. Should be an interesting match-up.

Pat Robertson is a candidate for president of the U.S. Now we heard him say the other day there were Russian missiles in Cuba. That turned out to be scare tactics and he "backed that out" the next day. That turned out to be another scare tactic. We have been told a couple that he won't repeat "cause they scare us and may be just rumors. However, he is a religious broadcaster... if that makes any difference. It is like janitors becoming sanitation engineers. The work is the same, the pay is the same but the title has more prestige. We used to jokingly say that when the boss couldn't give a pay raise he or she passed out some new fancy titles to the workers. Maybe Robertson is saying he deserves one of these new fancy titles to go along with his coming title of "former presidential candidate."

Florida lottery folks don't have anything on the slot machine operators in Reno, Nevada. A 61-year-old man reportedly won 6.8 million out there this week putting quarters in a one-armed bandit. The beauty of the deal is that he went there every Sunday morning because of the 99-cent breakfast! Of course he and his wife fed the hungry slot machine every time, and therefore the breakfast ended up costing a bit more... until the four 7's came up one week. He plans to spend the money on his children and grandchildren... I am working to prove my relationship.

Historical Society To Meet Feb. 21

The history of the Red Rock bottling plant in Enterprise will be the subject of a talk by D.K. Seay, Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society's meeting at 3 p.m.

The group will meet at the Enterprise Welcome Center and everyone is invited.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Dept. reported an active week with a total of one arrest (violation of prohibition law) and 7 traffic citations (speeding, no driver's license - 2, driving under the influence - 2, running a stop sign and expired license).

Following are daily activity reports from the police radio log:

TUESDAY, FEB. 9
Activity included a fire at Reynolds St. (7:55 a.m.) and a wreck at Davis and Adkinson (4:02 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10
Routine activity reported.

THURSDAY, FEB. 11
Activity included a report of a fight at a residence on 84 E. (10:21 a.m.) and a wreck at Whitman Drugs (3:55 p.m.).

FRIDAY, FEB. 12
Activity included a report of a person on Jones St. in need of police (5:09 p.m.) and a possible intoxicated driver on 84 E. (6:52 p.m.).

SATURDAY, FEB. 13
Activity included a wreck on Washington Ave. (9:15 a.m.) and a woods fire on Taylor Mill Road (1:44 p.m.).

SUNDAY, FEB. 14
Activity included a wreck on County 25 near I-10 (12:01 a.m.) and a vehicle fire (8:15 a.m.) and a fight on Larkins Road (6:31 p.m.).

MONDAY, FEB. 15
Activity included a wreck on 189 N. (7:34 a.m.), a wreck on 87 N. (7:21 p.m.) and a disturbance at the Country Convenience (9:31 p.m.).

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OBITUARIES

KIT J. BUFORD

Mr. Kit J. Buford, age 60, of Cleveland, Ohio, died January 21, 1988, at Veterans Hospital.

Funeral services were held Jan. 30, at 10:30 a.m. from William A. Gaines Funeral Home, with Rev. James Roary officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery with Gaines Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife; Edith Buford; two daughters: Sandra F. Simmons; Mobile; Felicia M. Buford; his mother: Clyde Posey; son-in-law, Erving Simmons; Mobile; daughter-in-law, Mary S. Buford; four grandchildren: Shannon, Kimberly and Lyndra Simmons; Antoinette Buford; one sister: Arlean Posey, Louisville, Ky.; one uncle: James D. Hammond, Elba; three aunts: Jeanette Watkins, Detroit, Mich.; Betsey Davis, Miami, Fla.; Grace Simmons, Elba; other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. from the chapel of Bottoms Garden Chapel Funeral Home, with the Rev. Earl Brogden officiating. Burial was in Travelers Rest Cemetery with Bottoms Garden Chapel directing.

Survivors include four sons: Olen McCollough, Jessie Lee McCollough, Samson; Roland McCollough, Elba; Bobby McCollough, Fairbanks, Alaska; four daughters: Mrs. Christine Donaldson, Mrs. Kathleen Weeks, both of Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. Sylvia Harrison, Gulfport, Miss.; Mrs. Judy Jones, Samson; a sister, Mrs. Mollie Money, Samson; 25 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.

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L.B. BALDWIN

Dr. L.B. Baldwin, 78, of Ozark, died Sunday, Jan. 31, 1988.

Funeral services were held Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. from Greater Old Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Ozark, with Rev. W.F. Alford presiding and Rev. W.M. Higgins officiating. Burial followed in Greater Old Salem Cemetery, Dr. A.B. Clark presiding, with Trawick's Ozark Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Mrs. Lucille Baldwin; two sons: Dr. L.B. Baldwin Jr., Seattle, Wash.; and Mr. Samuel Baldwin, Atlanta, Ga.; one brother, Willie Baldwin, Enterprise; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Etta Baldwin, Seattle, Wash.; and Mrs. Barbara A. Baldwin, Atlanta, Ga.; two granddaughters: Melanie and Kimberly Baldwin, Seattle, Wash.

E.C. MCKENZIE

Mr. E.C. McKenzie, age 66, of Elba, died Sunday, Feb. 7, 1988, in the Veterans Hospital, Tuskegee University, Alabama.

Funeral services were held Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. from Coleman and Hammond Funeral Chapel, Elba, with Rev. V.J. Coleman officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, with Coleman and Hammond directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Nadean McKenzie; one brother: Lawrence McKenzie, Long Island, N.Y.; two sisters: Cecil Chism, Elba; and Ada Hammond, Pittsburg, Pa.

CHARLIE F. MCCOLLOUGH

Mr. Charlie Frank McCollough, 89, of Rt. 2, Samson, died Monday, Feb. 8, 1988, in a Geneva nursing home.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. from the chapel of Bottoms Garden Chapel Funeral Home, with the Rev. Earl Brogden officiating. Burial was in Travelers Rest Cemetery with Bottoms Garden Chapel directing.

Survivors include four sons: Olen McCollough, Jessie Lee McCollough, Samson; Roland McCollough, Elba; Bobby McCollough, Fairbanks, Alaska; four daughters: Mrs. Christine Donaldson, Mrs. Kathleen Weeks, both of Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. Sylvia Harrison, Gulfport, Miss.; Mrs. Judy Jones, Samson; a sister, Mrs. Mollie Money, Samson; 25 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.

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By Faye Brown
Moundville, Alabama

Unique gift catalogues and country craft stores now sell pine splinters for those too lazy to split their own. To make the thin splinters of wood more enticing, merchants often tie them up with fancy ribbons and bows. Some even pack them in little carved, personalized boxes.

Now we used a powerful lot of the pine knots for making fires when I was a kid but our splinters didn't come tied with fancy bows; instead our kindling was toted up from the hills and hollows and split at the woodpile into rich kindling.

Pine knots, from which to make splinters, were important finds back then. Every member of our family was trained to split them, and to tell them from imposters who came camouflaged as "lighter" but weren't really rich in the pitch that made them ignite quickly. We were taught to keep our eyes peeled for the resin-rich wood pieces; we looked for them always, scoured for the way pirates searched for treasure ships on an endless ocean.

Through the year we'd find the prized chunks whenever we picked blackberries, cut tooth brushes, or sought out a new track for Bill's truck wagon. We'd luck upon one here and there as we gathered sweet gum to chew, looked for "chinky pens" and chestnuts, or when we chased over woods searching for a good cedar tree for Christmas.

Even in the sweetest summer-time no one forgot to be vigilant. As Mama, Daddy and six of us little 'uns left the lane and cut across the woods (returning from Granny's of a hot Sunday evening) I'd stumble over something and pick it up, yelling, "Hey, look, here's a piece of pine!"

A little later I'd hear Daddy call, "Nem Sue, ain't that a hunk of lightard beside yer foot, near that pull butt?" And, sure enough, there it was, a piece of pine, a stone-like core was revealed - about a foot long and rounded smoothly at both ends. By the time we'd arrived at the woodpile each of us'd be laden down with pine knots. As we'd drop the heavy treasures, Daddy'd shout and say, "Ye know, God just let these pine knots make from long leaf pine 'cause he knew us pore folks in the South was gonna need 'em - need 'em fer cookin' fires, and warming 'em, and fer giving light to lessons by the kerosene gives out. Yea, and also fer lightin' the way on pitch-black nights when a cow has found a new calf and don't come up to the barn."

Then Bill'd add, "And don't forget - fer walking down to Mr. Goodman's to hear Lum and Abner on the radio."

All of these uses, no mission around our house was ever really so serious as to preclude the looking for kindlin'. Why, even on a Spring Sunday afternoon as my oldest sister, Frances, and her beau'd walk down in the pasture - picking violets and carving their initials on the trees - why, more often than not they'd return from their romantic venture with Edward bringing a piece of moss-covered pine that Frances'd picked up down among the toad-

stools (and he'd gladly offered to carry for her).

But in the dead of winter without even looking, Bill once found the discovery of a lifetime. Old Drum had chased a rabbit into a dense thicket with Bill hot in pursuit when the breathless boy fell across a huge fallen tree that was half-hidden under old limbs and debris. Almost breaking his leg on the rock-hard object, my brother realized immediately that it was no ordinary log. Mama being a bed with a new baby, it fell our lot for the first time ever to do the family wash alone. In an effort to rush the wash so we'd have time to frolic (plus save ourselves the trouble of dragging tree limbs from the woods' edge - in our laziness we decided to use collected pine knots, exclusively, for wash wood. We not only had trouble with smoked clothes from the heavy black pitch smoke - but when Daddy discovered his depleted pine knot pile we had double trouble.

By the time (days later) we had scoured the woods for replacement kindling, Frances and I had well learned from Daddy that "rich pine" something to be used sparingly, much the same way rationed sugar was stretched during WW II.

Recently I saw a bundle of "Georgia Fatwood" listed in one of those highbrow magazines for \$30, or three times that amount if you chose to order it in fancy boxes to "match your decor." (Our splinters always matched our decor pretty good when they just lay fancy pine on discarded Sarsaparilla on our rough plank floor.)

When I saw those outlandish prices for kindlin' last week, I thought of Mama, living in the "piney woods" as a little girl. Boy, the woods abounded with huge pine stumps, leftovers from folks who'd made turpentine years before that, and from loggers who next came along and cut the trees wastefully high above the ground.

Mama tells how my Grandpa



ESIC HONEYSUCKLE COURT - Janet Andress (center) of Enterprise was crowned the 1988 Homecoming Queen at festivities at Enterprise State Junior College. Members of the Honeysuckle court were: [L-R] Della Ellis, Debbie Hays, Janet Andress, Jill Maddox, all of Enterprise; and Carmen Harris of New Brockton.

Dr. Banach Office Open In Enterprise

Due to the unexpected closing of Elba Medical Associates, WARREN BANACH, M.D., Gynecologist, will be seeing patients in Enterprise on Wednesdays afternoons and Thursday mornings. Call for an appointment - 933-2500 or 774-4400. 2-18-1c

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FAMILY TALK

Glenda M. Smith
Community Resource Specialist

We all know the distance we travel from our front doors to our jobs. We know the distances we travel for business reasons because, after all, this information is important at income tax filing time. We know how far it is to the grocery store and to the school where the children are dropped off in the morning.

There are a lot of other distances we know but do know probably the most important distance of all. This is the distance between ourselves and our family. Could it be that this particular distance is not a priority item. If it is not, it certainly should be. We hear parents say, "I just can't seem to reach my child or my spouse no matter how hard I try." Well, how hard have you really tried? What have you done that you call trying?

At the same time, consider that child's reaction to your trying. You say you have tried to talk to your child or spouse. There is a great difference. If we talk to someone, most likely they will remain indifferent or even deaf to what we are saying. If we talk with someone, the

communication process begins. It is through this process that we narrow the distance between ourselves and our family members.

If there is not good communication in a family, the relationships will be strained. We know this. We know how far it is to the grocery store and to the school where the children are dropped off in the morning. We know how far it is to the grocery store and to the school where the children are dropped off in the morning.

For more information, call me at 897-3424 or write to me in care of Coffee County Department of Human Resources, P.O. Box 448, Elba, AL 36623.

Thought: I am most fond of talking and thinking; that is to say, talking first and thinking afterward. Osbert Sitwell

Airman Hobson Honored

Air Force Reserve Senior Airman Richard L. Hobson Jr., son of Richard L. and Charlotte B. Hobson, Elba, has been named group airman of the year.

Hobson is a fuels specialist with the 808th Mobility Support Flight at Maxwell Air Force Base. The selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments.

His wife Susan is the daughter of D.E. and Tobayanna G. Cain of Enterprise.

The senior graduated from Enterprise High School in 1979, and in 1987 received a master's degree from the University of Alabama.

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TEN YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 23, 1978

"Z.C. Rebel News: Nine seniors are members of the Honeysuckle Court. They are: Cindy Black, Gail Richardson, Brenda Bedsole, Sheila Miller, Rocky Bragg, Donna McWaters, Jerry Downing, Darlene White and Margaret Pyfrom."

"Black and Gold Review: Sue Addison and Mary Carney are pictured enjoying a coffee break during a math tournament at Lurleen Wallace College in Andalusia. Pictured are Melinda Hutchinson and Beatrice Belcher beside a display in the EHS library which contains information concerning Black Heritage... Seniors of the Week: Myra Ben and Katrina Ben, 1977, and Mrs. Nick Semonelle on Rt. 1, New Brockton, announce the birth of a baby boy on Saturday, Feb. 18, at Coffee County Hospital in Enterprise. The new son is named Nicholas P. Semonelle Jr. and weighed 7 lbs. 6 1/2 oz."

TWENTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 22, 1968

"J. Col. Levy P. Morrow Jr., USAF, is pictured receiving the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service as executive officer and special assistant to the deputy for command systems. Morrow is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edlow Bryan of Elba, is one of three freshmen receiving football letters at Troy State University this year."

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Sports

Views From The Pressbox By, Ricky Mularz

It looks like there is no rest for the weary! You'd think that at a small weekly newspaper there would be plenty of time to catch my breath; however, the high school area tournaments begin this week and then next week it's sub-state as the local teams begin for the state tourney. As basketball ends it means the start of spring football practice and also the start of softball as well as the first tourney of the season will be only two weeks away. Oh well, at least I never have to worry how I'm going to fill up a couple of pages.

ELBA TIGERS END REGULAR SEASON WITH 5-14 MARK

The Elba Tigers ended the regular season last week with a loss to Florala and with the loss ended the schedule with a disappointing 5-14 record. In 1987 the Tigers struggled to a 5-15 slate - their worst in years - and now it looks like a loss in tonight's (Thursday) tournament will give the Tigers an identical mark for a second straight year.

What's wrong? If I knew the answer to that I wouldn't be writing sports in Elba, Alabama. I'd be on television and running my mouth, making a million dollars a year like a lot of other so-called experts! Seriously, Elba is going through a down period in basketball talent - that's obvious, but it's also pretty clear that the players have seemed to lose that spark and confidence that's needed to win. The Tigers made it to the state tourney three years ago and boasted an outstanding record, but before that it was something like 20 years ago that Elba made its last trip; so the Tigers haven't exactly made winning a way of life on the basketball court for quite some time.

The junior high program has been winning big time for the past couple of years, and as the players begin to filter into the varsity program the wins should begin to pick up, but I'm sure that everyone associated with Elba Tiger sports wants the Tigers to win every year - not just now and then - so a good season will certainly be a welcome relief. The goal, however, is to upgrade the program where winning seasons come each and every year. Maybe the program will turn around soon and Tiger fans will once again pack the gym.

AREA AND SUB-STATE TOURNAMENTS COULD BE EXCITING

There are always plenty of surprises when the post-season tournaments begin and this year will be no different, even though we don't know who will claim the big upset or get hot and make it to state. Here's a quick look at the local tourneys and what might happen.

****Class 1A, Area 4 - The Brantley Bulldogs** ended the season with a perfect 17-0 record and the top ranking in the state, but the Bulldogs have a tough night to make it! Kinston played better last week against Enterprise and you can never count the Bulldogs of Pete Kelley out, but this year the Bulldogs seem to lack their usual bite, and a return to state appears out of the question.

****Class 2A, Area 5 - New Brockton** owns a combined 8-0 record against the other teams in the area and appears to have a lock on the area crown, but once the tournaments start the regular season means nothing and the Gamecocks can't afford to rest on their 21-4 record. New Brockton could probably win the area in its sleep and should be accompanied by Goshen in sub-state action.

****Class 3A, Area 4 - Clayton** woke up late in the season and has to be the team to beat, but Louisville has the talent to challenge the Tigers, and if the Devils can get by Elba they appear to have a good shot at taking the title. In this area it looks like a repeat of a year ago.

ELBA SOFTBALL FANS IN FOR A TREAT

Softball fans in Elba and across south Alabama will be in for a real treat next weekend when the Steele's softball team comes to town to play a double-header against two local victims! Steele's has won the national "Super Slowpitch" national crown two years in a row, and is without a doubt the best team ever to hit the field. At Elba's 275-foot fences the national record of 108 runs in a single game is definitely in jeopardy and anyone who goes to the games will see home-runs sail out of the fields faster than they can count 'em. I asked Mike Carney what he'd do if his team was behind 99-0 in the first inning, and while he only laughed, I know he has thought about the possibility. I guarantee you'll be there and if you want to see something like you've never seen before you'll be there too!

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Class 3A, Area 4 Tourney Set To Begin Tonight

The Class 3A, Area 4 basketball tournament is scheduled to begin tonight (Thursday) at the Elba High School gym, with a total of four teams battling for two berths in next week's sub-state action.

The tourney will begin at 6:00 p.m. when the top-seeded Clayton Tigers meet the Daleville Warhawks, while at 7:30 the host Elba Tigers will battle the second-seeded Louisville Red Devils.

Clayton, ranked in the state's top 10 for much of the season, started the year off in an unusual fashion as the Tigers slipped to a 1-3 record; however, the Tigers have been winning big since the holidays, and have to be considered a favorite to advance to the state tourney in Auburn.

Late Season Tailspin Leaves Tigers With 5-14 Regular Season Record

The Elba Tigers traveled to Florala last Friday night in hopes of snapping a two-game losing streak prior to the upcoming Area 4 tournament, but ran into a fired-up gang of Florala Wildcats and suffered a 69-50 loss.

The loss left the Tigers with a 5-14 record, while Florala upped its slate to 16-3 with the win. Leon Coleman scored 19 points to lead the Tigers in the loss, while Jason Johnson added 13.

Johnny Wheeler led a balanced Florala attack with 16 points. Enterprise 88, Elba 45. The Enterprise Wildcats pulled ahead in the second quarter and then pulled away last week as they pounded the Elba Tigers 88-45, at the Wildcat gym.

The Tigers came out ready to play against the heavily-favored Enterprise squad, and behind the play of Jeff Kelley trailed only 16-14 after the first quarter, only to see the Wildcats explode in the second quarter to grab a 39-26 halftime lead, and then extend their lead to 62-32 after three quarters of play!

The Tigers tried to battle back late in the game, however, the Wildcats were simply too much as they rolled to the 88-45 win.

Dan Leandro scored 12 points to pace the Tigers, while Jason Johnson and Jeff Kelley added 10 points apiece. Demetrius Johnson scored 13 points to lead Enterprise, while Mason Holley and Ponce Baldwin each scored 16.

EP 16 23 23 26 - 88
EL 14 12 13 13 - 45

E'prise (88): Adams 10, Johnson 13, Holley 16, Boland 2, Frazier 11, Baldwin 16, Jones 6, Dare 2, Thompson 4, Chaffin 8.

Elba (45): Johnson 10, Kelley 10, Wilson 2, Coleman 6, Grimes 3, Leandro 12, Stoudemire 2.

[B GAME]

The Enterprise B-team jumped out to a quick 22-4 lead and held on to defeat the Elba Tiger B-team 78-58.

The Wildcats all but put the game out of reach in the opening stanza, and while the Tigers never gave up they could never catch the Cats and suffered the loss.

Keith Henderson scored 20 points to lead Elba, while Phil Boggan added 12 and Kevin Barnes scored 10.

Crawford scored 20 points to lead Enterprise. E'prise (78): Campbell 8, Crawford 20, Council 4, Hurt 11, Purvis 9, Neal 3, Phillips 2, Petty 3, Amos 15, Coleman 2, Walker 3.

Elba (58): Sprulin 2, Barnes 10, Boggan 12, Daniels 4, Rowe 4, Henderson 20.

New Brockton began to gain the upper hand in the second quarter as Tony James hit a pair of 3-point shots, and by the end of the stanza the Gamecocks owned a comfortable 37-29 advantage.

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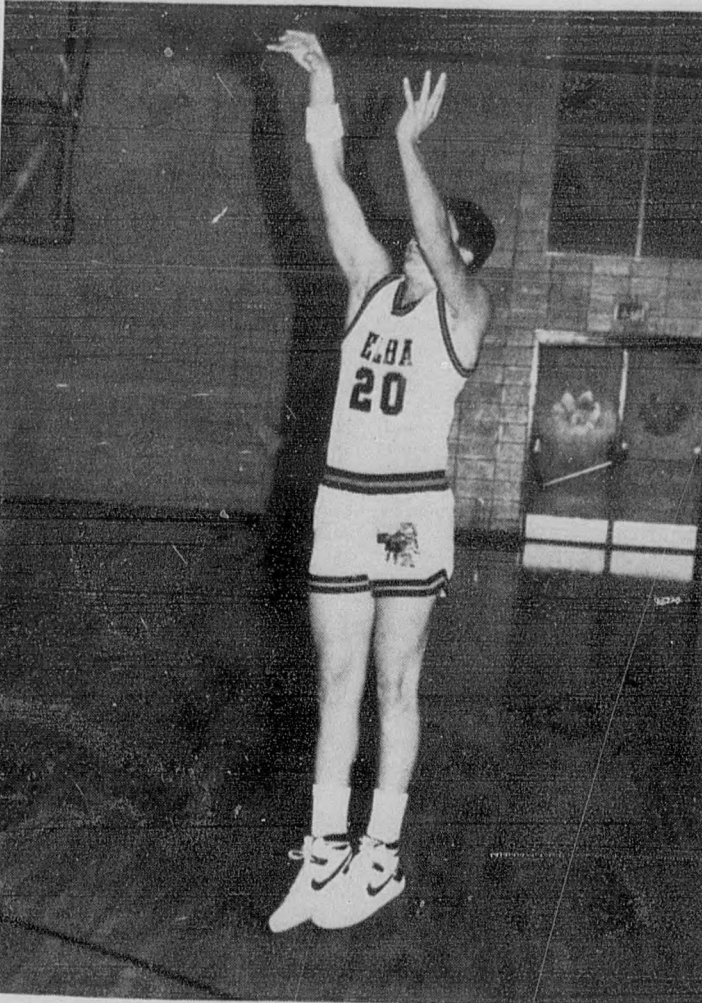
Elba suffered an overtime loss to Clayton, and two narrow losses to Louisville in stumbling to a lackluster season, but playing at home will give the Tigers added incentive and an upset is definitely a possibility.

Daleville has struggled all season with a new coach and a very young squad, and with an opening round date with Clayton it appears as if the Warhawks will be ousted early in tourney action.

Admission to the tourney will be \$2 per person.

Clayton
Thursday - 6:00
Daleville

Elba
Thursday - 7:30
Louisville



Elba's Win Grimes takes a shot from behind the 3-point line in recent Tiger basketball action.

Rebels Dump Daleville 63-51

The Zion Chapel Rebels ended the regular season on a winning note last week as they pounded the Daleville Warhawks 63-51, at Daleville.

The Rebels got off to a slow start against the quick Warhawks and trailed at the end of the opening stanza; however, Zion Chapel's Scotty Lee began to light up the scoreboard in the second stanza, and aided by the play of teammates Calvin Newson and James Liprot

grabbed the Hawks and went in at the half with a 32-27 lead.

The Rebels extended their lead in the third quarter, and in the final stanza turned back a late Daleville rally to pull out the win!

Scotty Lee poured in 30 points to lead the Rebels, which ended the regular season with a record of 6-14, while other scorers included James Liprot 11, Calvin Newson 10, Chris Moultry 7 and Toray Haynes 3.

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and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Wesley Person added 20 points and Lebron Upshaw scored 11.

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Brantley 63, Goshen 55.

The Brantley Bulldogs invaded the hostile confines of the Goshen Eagles Thursday night and came away with an impressive 63-55 win to finish the regular season with a perfect 17-0 record.

The Bulldogs grabbed the upper hand in the first half and were in control for most of the game, but failed to put the pesky Eagles away and held on for the win.

Wesley Person scored 24 points and yanked down 11 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Lebron Upshaw added 17 points and Aubrey Wiley scored 10.

The Bulldogs had no problems shutting down the hot-shooting Tigers in the first quarter and trailed for much of the stanza, only to catch fire in the second quarter behind the outside shooting of Rocky Head and run away with the lopsided win.

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Greg Cole scored 15 points to lead New Brockton, while Kenny Gibson added 11 and Marty Myers and Chris Turner both scored 10.

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Enterprise 77, New Brockton 71.

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled the 6A Enterprise Wildcats on even terms throughout three-and-a-half quarters last Saturday night, but couldn't turn back a late Wildcat rally as Enterprise edged the Gamecocks 77-71, at New Brockton.

Enterprise opened the game red-hot from the field and stunned the Gamecocks by jumping out to a 25-14 lead after one quarter of play.

New Brockton began to settle down in the second stanza, and behind the shooting of Rocky Head managed to close the deficit to only 38-36 at the half. Head continued to score almost all will in the third quarter and sparked the Gamecocks into the final stanza, he hit a short jumper in the opening minute of the fourth quarter that gave New Brockton a four-point cushion!

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HAWKS (1-5) - (L-R, Front Row): Justin Steele, Kimbo Nicholson, Jake Cowen, Trey Lawless, Charles Boxman, David Nunn and Todd Grantham. Back Row, (L-R): Coach Ronnie Vaughan, Che Vaughan, Keith Grantham, Zack Steele, Scott Cochran and Alan Roberson.

National Championship Softball Team To Compete In Elba Feb.28

The Steele's - Silver Bullet "Men of Steele" softball team, called by many the finest softball team ever assembled, will be making one of their few trips to the state of

Brantley Bulldogs Cap Undefeated Season

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The Bulldogs were scheduled to battle Kinston Tuesday night in the opening round of the Class 1A, Area 4 tournament, at the Kinston High School gym.

Following are results of last week's games:

Brantley 70, Laverne 69.

The Brantley Bulldogs escaped a trap last Tuesday night in Laverne as they nipped the Laverne Tigers 70-69 to keep their record perfect.

The Bulldogs couldn't dominate the hot-shooting Tigers throughout the game and survived a last-second shot to post the heart-stopping win.

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NETS (3-3) - (L-R, front row): Thomas Smith, Dion Belcher, Chad Smith and Ernest Baker. (Back Row, L-R): Coach John Siler, Lance McCollough, Joey Donaldson and Casey Carroll.

Lakers Finish Youth Season With 6-0 Record

The Youth Basketball League ended its season last weekend in Elba with the Lakers completing the season with a perfect 6-0 record.

The Nets placed second in the league standing with a 3-3 slate, while the Jazz followed at 2-4 and the Hawks finished the season with a 1-5 record.

Following are highlights of last weekend's action:

Hawks 24, Jazz 20.

The Hawks finally got into the win column as they upset the Jazz 24-20. The Hawks jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead in the game and went

in at the half with a 12-4 bulge, but saw the Jazz cut the lead to two points in the final stanza and had to hold on to post the win.

Keith Grantham scored 13 points to lead the Hawks, while other scorers included Zack Steele 8, Justin Steele 2 and Che Vaughan 1.

Michael Grantham scored 14

points for the Jazz and Jason Free added 6.

The Lakers put the finishing touches on an undefeated season last weekend as they nipped the Nets 33-29.

The Lakers grabbed an early 12-7 lead in the game and owned an 18-13 advantage at the half; however, the Nets rallied to take a 23-22 lead in the third quarter and owned a slim lead with less than a minute to play, only to see the Lakers score late to claim the win.

David Yelverton scored 13 points to lead the Lakers, while Cory Driggers added 12 and other scorers included Kevin Bryan 6 and Vincent Thigpen 2.

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***And seeing the multitude, he went up into the mountains; and when he was set, his disciples came unto him, and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven; Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted; Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth; Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled; Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the poor in heart, for they shall see God; Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven; Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.

Matt. 5:1-11

***Thinking of you, praying for you: The McKenzie family, Mr. Buford Kelley, Mr. Tillman Lindsey, Mrs. Annie Williams, James Guiley, Mr. Cleo Brown, Mrs. Ella M. Shipman, Mrs. Fannie Brooks, Mr. John H. Stodermire, Mr. Raymon Carpenter. ***Founder's Day Program was held Sunday, Feb. 14, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Stevens A.M.E. Church, Rev. T. Brantley, pastor, Off.

***God's Family, "Church of the Family," Theme: Upon this Rock I will build my church. Matt. 16:18.

***Black History Gala, Feb. 21, 2:30 p.m. Opp. Headstart Center, Guest speaker - Dr. C.C. Baker, sponsored by The P.C. Club.

***Mulberry District Association annual observance of Church Mission and Black History Month. Theme: The Constitutional States of Afro Americans into the 21st century. Sunday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m. Mulberry Educational Building, Hwy 166, Elba, Dr. J.B. Chatman, moderator.

Scripture - Rev. John E. Jones; invocation - Dr. John L. Grayer; welcome - Rev. J.L. Williams; D. Mission Education - Miss Linda Hale; tribute to honorees - Mrs. Alice Freeman; poem - Mrs. Lawrence; introduction of speaker - Rev. Willie Peterson; address - Dr. Abdul Muhammad, Andalusia.

Offering - Mr. T. Brooks, Mr. Burville Jones, Mr. Willie C. Tillis and Charles Henderson.

Honorees - Rev. J.L. Caldwell, Mr. Tillman Lindsey, Mr. Rayfield Carpenter, Mr. Jimmy C. Brooks, Mr. Pete Daniels.

Ushers - Mrs. Mittie B. Edwards, Mrs. Annie P. Siler, Mrs. Pastine Cook, Mrs. Alice Edmon.

SRA Warren Belcher KAF Base, Miss, visited his parents, Grover and Eria Belcher, Elba, and relatives and friends the holiday weekend.

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With Shirley Wise

Hi everybody! We've been away for a while, but back again this third week in February - the 18th to be exact, visiting another of the dear ones at the Elba Nursing Home, a gentleman by the name of Mr. Willie B. Smith.

Before we meet Mr. Willie, as seen through the eyes of love and devotion of his wife, Dixie, let's have our short history lesson on the month of February.

February is the second month of the year and the shortest. According to legend, Romulus did not include it when he made the first Roman calendar, which had only ten months. Numa Pompilius, who followed Romulus, added two months, making February the last month of the year. Its name, "Februarius," came from a Latin word meaning "to purify."

The Romans purified themselves in February to prepare for festivals at the start of the new year. But Julius Caesar moved the beginning of the year from March to January, making February the second month.

February usually has 28 days, but it has an extra day in every leap year. It had 30 days until the time of Julius Caesar. Caesar took one day off to add to the month named after him - July. The emperor Augustus took another day off to add to August, the month named after him. People in Christian countries celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb. 14. Old and young alike exchange Valentine cards with their friends. The custom of exchanging greetings on Valentine's Day goes back hundreds of years. Scholars have found records of Valentine notes that date from as early as the Middle Ages.

Two of America's greatest men - George Washington and Abraham Lincoln - were born during this month. Many states honor these men with official holidays in February.

People often refer to the second day of February as Ground Hog Day. According to many old stories, the ground hog, or woodchuck, comes out of his burrow on Feb. 2 to look for his shadow. If the sun is shining and the ground hog can see his shadow, he goes back to sleep for a while, and winter is not over. If he cannot see his shadow, he begins his springtime activities.

Many people consider the primrose the special flower for February. The amethyst is the birthstone.

Mr. Willie, in appearance, is a plump, robust-looking man, with apples in his cheeks, short white hair and pretty green eyes. The lady who visited him looked sporty in a bright red and blue plaid shirt. He was born January 13, 1913, in the vicinity of Elba, one of 10 children born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith. Mrs. Smith was the former Miss Nellie Hysmith. Mr. Smith was a farmer.

The nine brothers and sisters of Mr. Willie, two of whom are deceased, are Frank Jr., who resides in Elba with his wife, the former Miss Dorothy Walden; Frances Edkins, who makes her home in Elba with her husband Ellis; Lala Mae Hudson, who lives in Elba with her husband, Huston; Hazel Tanner, a resident of Plant City, Fla., whose husband Benne is deceased; Annie Pearl Money, a resident of Plant City, Fla., whose husband Slim is deceased; Cecil Eugene, who resides in Plant City with his wife Fannie; Agnes Spears, who lives in Lakeland, Fla., with her husband Fred; Ollie Kyser, deceased, who, until her death, resided in Enterprise with her late husband, Walt; and Cara Lee, who died in childhood.

On March 27, 1945, Mr. Willie married the former Miss Dixie Harrison of Elba, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Esker Harrison. Mrs. Harrison was the former Bester Lawford. Mr. Harrison was a farmer. The brothers and sisters of Miss Dixie, of whom two are deceased, are:

Leo Harrison, deceased, whose wife, the former Mamie Lou Goodson, still resides in Elba; and Cubie Lee Stone, who, until her death, resided in the Pleasant Ridge Church Community with her late husband, Lanie.

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former Wayne Edkins.

Miss Dixie recalled the following warm childhood memory for us:

"Daddy was a farmer and made baskets when he got through laying the crops by - he made some of the prettiest baskets. He'd take them to town on Saturday and sell them and bring home something special for us for supper."

"He made fish baskets and baskets with handles. He made them so good they'd hold shelled corn. I remember Mama would lay the bottoms of the baskets and turn the splits up and Daddy would go around with the little ribbed things (splits) and run them up and let them lay up for several days and dry, and take and cut the ribs or splits off and then rim the baskets. My mama and daddy worked hard."

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He is a 1967 graduate of Elba High School.

Look Magazines

Given To Library

The Elba Public Library has recently received four back issues of Look magazine covering the death of President Kennedy.

Elba librarian Mrs. W.H. Taylor said that Gary Reeves gave the library the issues of:

1) The Death Of A President
2) The Day JFK Died
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NURSING HOME SPOTLIGHT

With Shirley Wise

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Before we meet Mr. Willie, as seen through the eyes of love and devotion of his wife, Dixie, let's have our short history lesson on the month of February.

February is the second month of the year and the shortest. According to legend, Romulus did not include it when he made the first Roman calendar, which had only ten months. Numa Pompilius, who followed Romulus, added two months, making February the last month of the year. Its name, "Februarius," came from a Latin word meaning "to purify."

The Romans purified themselves in February to prepare for festivals at the start of the new year. But Julius Caesar moved the beginning of the year from March to January, making February the second month.

February usually has 28 days, but it has an extra day in every leap year. It had 30 days until the time of Julius Caesar. Caesar took one day off to add to the month named after him - July. The emperor Augustus took another day off to add to August, the month named after him. People in Christian countries celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb. 14. Old and young alike exchange Valentine cards with their friends. The custom of exchanging greetings on Valentine's Day goes back hundreds of years. Scholars have found records of Valentine notes that date from as early as the Middle Ages.

Two of America's greatest men - George Washington and Abraham Lincoln - were born during this month. Many states honor these men with official holidays in February.

People often refer to the second day of February as Ground Hog Day. According to many old stories, the ground hog, or woodchuck, comes out of his burrow on Feb. 2 to look for his shadow. If the sun is shining and the ground hog can see his shadow, he goes back to sleep for a while, and winter is not over. If he cannot see his shadow, he begins his springtime activities.

Many people consider the primrose the special flower for February. The amethyst is the birthstone.

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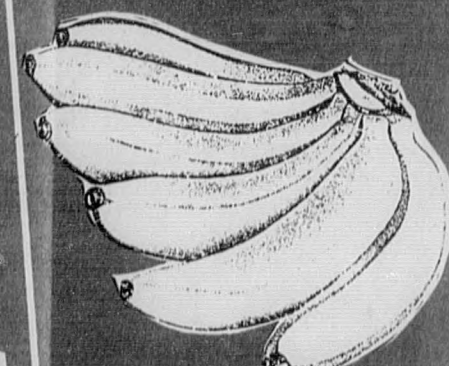
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Commission takes no action on request to allow health dept. to impose fees for services

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, Feb. 22, at the courthouse in Elba and tabled a request from Coffee County Health Dept. director Kenneth Ball that the commission sponsor legislation authorizing the health department to begin charging fees for certain services offered by the department.

Ball informed the commission that 22 counties in the state currently charge for various services offered by county health departments and passed around a proposed piece of legislation that he requested the commission approve and send on to the state for passage into law.

"This legislation will give the county health department the authority to impose fees if additional funds are needed," stated Ball, "and with the skyrocketing costs of administering vaccines and the possibility of AIDS testing in the very near future, it is likely that funding for the department will be badly needed."

"Health department nurses administer 85 percent of the vaccines in the county and average seeing 100 patients per day, which is costly. If the legislation is passed the county commission will have the authority to approve or disapprove any fees that are recommended, which gives the commission the final say on what will be charged and what services will carry a fee."

The legislation given to the members of the commission stated

that the law would give the county Board of Health the authorization to designate the services rendered by the health department for which a reasonable fee may be charged, and also to set the appropriate fee for each service. Any fees charged would be subject to approval by the commission and all funds received for the services would go into the general fund of the county department.

Commissioner Jimmy Bryan voiced immediate opposition to the proposal and stated, "If we allow this we will be asking the taxpayers to pay twice! The services are already being offered by the department because of tax dollars, and by adding a fee it will mean the taxpayers will be forced to simply pay again for the services they have already paid for."

Commissioner Darnicus Crittenden also voiced opposition to the proposal and declared, "I think if a fee system is imposed it will hurt the entire department. To receive the services at no charge, residents will have to provide information they might consider private, and many of those who would be eligible for free services wouldn't even sign up."

Ball stated that the department would provide free and discounted services to those in need and reported that federal guidelines were already in place, then said, "It states in the legislation that no citizen shall be denied any service because of the person's inability to pay."

Commissioner Robert Stevens stated, "It's not fair to charge one person and not charge another, and I can't support the fee system. I realize the health department is doing a good job in Coffee County and across the state, but it's not right to penalize people who might be retired and happen to have been able to put aside a little money, or to penalize those people who pay taxes to support such programs."

"If we go to a fee system I think we'll see people begin to go to a doctor for services instead of going to the health department, and all we'll wind up with are those who receive the services free, which brings us back to where we are now."

Commissioner Eugene Bradley echoed the sentiments of his colleagues and stated, "It's like making some people pay twice for the same thing. The tax dollars are what keep the department open and then to charge those who have already paid the taxes just doesn't seem fair."

Commissioner Bill Faulk was the only commissioner who sided with Ball, and declared, "While I don't like the idea of fees for services, I do realize similar systems are working in other counties, and we may have to do something like it some day. I would like for the proposed legislation to be acted on by us so no current services will be affected."

Commissioner Billy Eagerton took no stand on the matter, but suggested that the entire matter be tabled to give the commissioners time to look into the proposal further and to discuss the plan with the county's legislators. The commission agreed with the idea to table the proposal and apparently will discuss it at a future meeting.

The bi-monthly meeting began at 9 a.m. and after routine approval of the minutes, the commission adopted a motion that would change the procedure involving letting of bids by the county.

Commissioner Billy Eagerton told county engineer Mark Post that several county businesses had expressed displeasure with not being asked to submit a bid on herbicide, and Eagerton told the engineer that something needed to be done to make sure that in future bidding all local businesses are notified.

The commission agreed that such a problem was one that could be avoided and voted to make it policy that whenever bids are mailed out a copy of those being asked to bid will be sent to each commissioner so that additional potential bidders may be added.

In other action concerning the health department, the commission voted to accept an offer from the Industrial Board of Enterprise to give the commission 30 acres of land

off Highway 167 for use as a new health department facility for the Enterprise division of the county.

Commissioner Sid Averett told the commissioners that the only requirement of the county was that the commission install sewer lines from the National Guard Army on Hwy 167 to the site of the 30 acres. Commissioner Jimmy Bryan told his colleagues that "Nothing is free, especially when \$60,000 will be the cost of installing the pipe," and again stated that the county already owns land at the complex in New Brockton that could be used for the site of the department.

The commission discussed the offer and then accepted the offer, with the stipulation concerning the installation of sewer pipes, by a vote of 5-2, with commissioners Bryan and Stevens voting against the motion.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission:

***agreed to hold public hearings at the next two county commission meetings to discuss the grant application for extension and installation of rural water lines;

***passed a resolution accepting a \$6,000 grant to be used to inventory existing water lines in the county and to identify possible growth areas;

***heard the county engineer report that private road signs were still up on a public road near the Woodland Grove Community;

***agreed to send out invitations to bid on fuel, steel pilings and cold mix for the engineering department;

***was informed that power poles the entrance to a dirt road near Loop, near New Brockton, and work would begin this week on a bridge that has been closed for several months;

***approved a request by the county engineer that county forces widen the entrance to a dirt road near Enterprise to allow heavy trucks to bypass a residential area;

***was informed by commission clerk Brunese Winston that any county employee working over 30 hours per week on a regular basis would have to be deemed a permanent employee and would be able to receive county benefits;

***heard Commissioner Crittenden report that at a recent meeting in Auburn it was urged that all county commissions support the "Home Rule" legislation;

***approved a request to purchase a heating system and fans for the multi-purpose building at the Farm Center in New Brockton;

***was reminded of an upcoming tour of the Farley Nuclear Facility. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, March 14, at 9 a.m. at the courthouse in Elba.



Coffee County Health Dept. Director Kenneth Ball reads proposed legislation that would allow the local department to impose fees for certain services. The commission discussed the proposed legislation, but tabled action until a later date.

Former Elba policeman asks council for cause of resignation

The Elba City Council meeting Monday evening was unusually long for this administration, but an hour and forty five minutes of it were spent in executive session concerning a request from a former police officer.

The meeting opened routinely with prayer, reading of the minutes of the last meeting and a report from Police Chief John White that matters in his department had been routine. However, former police officer Michael Patrick, who resigned several days ago, then addressed the council and said he wanted to know just why Chief White had asked him to resign.

Mayor Bob English asked White if he wanted to address that question in open meeting or would he prefer the council go into executive session. White stated it would be better if the matter were addressed in executive session, and five minutes into the council meeting the council went into executive session. This is allowed in Alabama law when "the good name or character of a person may be discussed."

All five council members were present at the meeting and the local citizens attending were the largest in number of any recent meeting. A number of these were present because of their interest in this police matter. After the council members had been in their private session for about 20 minutes, they called Mr. Patrick into the closed room. Following his time in the room, seven or eight other local citizens were called into the executive session after they expressed a

desire to testify in the matter. The council came out of their executive session at 6:50 with the mayor announcing the council had voted unanimously to accept Chief White's recommendation that the city accept the resignation of Patrick. Later they made the motion and took the vote in open session when it was pointed out to them that no actions can be taken in these executive sessions. Again the vote was unanimous.

The Elba Rescue Squad committee on the proposal to renovate the former Gunter Dunn building was present with their report on the estimated cost of renovating the building for their use. According to spokesman Ricky Carlisle, the part of the building they would be using would amount to about two-thirds of the facility and the cost of getting this ready for use would be about \$20,000. It would also include some cosmetic improvements on the outside of the balance of the

roof, using a slanted roof, rather than the present flat roof, new ceiling and a 5-ton air conditioner. Carlisle noted some of the materials could be purchased at cost from a local building supply and that other area building professionals had offered their services; therefore the cost was being kept down. He responded to a council member however that these were not absolute figures and he couldn't promise that the cost would not run higher, once renovation was underway.

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Mayor English said, "On behalf of the council, I would like to say how much we appreciate the work of the rescue squad members. We feel we have one of the finest - if not the

finest - rescue squads in the state!" Larry Lee, executive director of the South Alabama Regional Development Commission addressed the city council and announced that on March 14 a group of industrialists will be touring the area and will be in Elba during the afternoon. He said the group is made up of 75 people, 35 of them from Alabama and 40 from out-of-state and explained that they are decision-makers and are very important to industrial development in Alabama.

The council approved a resolution for the city to borrow \$40,000 to be used in paving streets and repairing curbs. The money will be repaid from existing sources of revenue.

Inmate recaptured Tuesday after overpowering matron at county jail

A minimum security inmate who escaped from the Coffee County Jail in Elba early Tuesday morning, Feb. 23, was recaptured at approximately 8:30 a.m. Tuesday after track dogs from Troy led a search party to the home of the fugitive's father in Ozark.

Coffee County Chief Deputy Tom Weeks reported that John Andrew Warren, age 31, of Enterprise, escaped from the county jail at approximately 3:30 a.m. after overpowering jail matron Rebecca Whigham Sasser. Warren apparently entered the front of the jail in the early hours Tuesday morning and asked Sasser for

medicine after complaining he could not go to sleep.

Sasser, who as a minimum security prisoner, was housed downstairs, then reportedly grabbed the matron and held a sharp object to her neck, forcing her to accompany him from the jail and taking her car.

Sasser was released at approximately 6 a.m. near the Dale County-Barbour County line, and Warren later abandoned the vehicle five miles north of Arion. Dogs were called in to aid in the search for the escapee and the dogs led authorities to the home of Warren's father, where the escapee was found hiding.

Pancake breakfast March 5

The Elba Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast at the Elba Elementary School on Saturday, March 5, from 6 until 10 a.m. Pancake Day co-chairmen Grady Farris and Rex Boutwell are busy rounding up the necessary ingredients to make the "better than ever" fund-raising effort for sight conversation, according to a spokesman for the group.

Tickets are available from any Elba Lions member at \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

Free blood tests are again being offered at the event. Also, the deposit box for old eye glasses will be moved to the

elementary school during the breakfast, so that citizens may still donate their old glasses.

"Renember," say the Lions, "what might be useless to you could be the means of sight to someone else."

Also, Elba Lions are currently sponsoring a poster design contest at the Elba Middle School to promote drug awareness and educate the public "say no" to this national menace.

Plans are to have some of these posters displayed at the pancake breakfast. Final judging on the posters will be held March 9.



Former Elba Policeman Michael Patrick was present at Monday's meeting of the Elba City Council and asked members for a reason for his forced resignation. The council discussed the matter in executive session and later voted to accept the resignation as earlier stated.



NATIONAL FFA WEEK PROCLAIMED... Elba Mayor Bob English is pictured above proclaiming the week of Feb. 20-27 as National FFA Week in Elba. Seated (L-R): FFA president Troy Kelley, Mayor English, and FFA advisor Michael Harrelson. (Standing, L-R): Barry Bryan, Matt Henderson, Farrell Dorsey, Jason Johnson, Brian Free, Chris Grantham.

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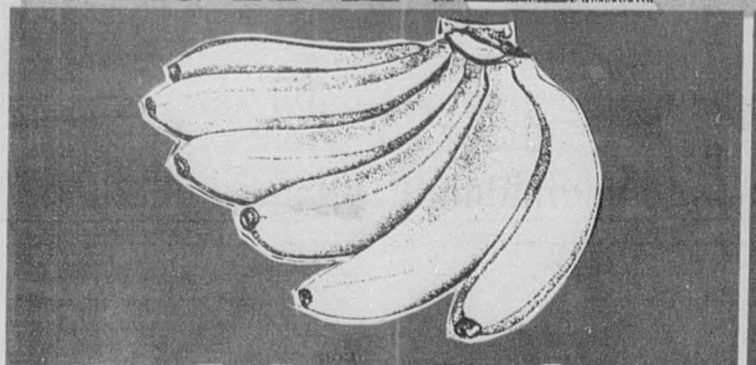
FFA activities and high school agriculture classes emphasize leadership skills, innovative practices, and the application of both to the industry of agriculture. "Agriculture is changing and FFA's role in preparing leaders for America's large industry is more vital today than ever. During FFA

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